

Husband's Name: **JAN VÝROSTEK**

Born:

Married:

Died:

Wife's Name: **MARIA KOPITNIK**

Born:

Died:

Issue: Baptized: Where:

**1) ANNA VÝROSTEK      2 April 1830      Spisská Stará Ves, Kežmarok district, Slovakia**

There were four baptisms in Spisská Stará Ves between 1786 and 1804 that could be this JAN VÝROSTEK. The earliest was on 12 October 1786 for the son of JOZSEF VÝROSTEK and ELIZABET BRIKNA; the second was on 4 February 1794 for the son of ANDREAS VÝROSTEK and CATARINA KOPICS; the third was on 12 December 1803 for the son of JAN WYROSTEK and ZOPHIA KOVALCIK; and the fourth was a few months later in the village of Rel'ov located several miles south of Spisská Stará Ves on Route 542 on 12 April 1804 for the son of MARTINUS VÝROSTEK and SOPHIA DUDA.<sup>1</sup> In the 1828 census for Spisská Stará Ves, there are two listings that could be our subject. The first is JÁN VIROSTEK, SENIOR at #43 who has only him and a daughter, both between 18 and 60 years old, in the household. The second is for JÁN WIROSTEK, JUNIOR at #71, which lists two residents between 18 and 60 years of age and no daughter.<sup>2</sup> The use of *Senior* and *Junior* by the census taker to identify different persons seems to indicate that the residents at #'s 43 and 71 were father and son, in spite of the different spelling of the surnames. Unfortunately, with the limited amount known, it's impossible to determine if either one is the correct person. WIROSTEK, JUNIOR is the more likely as the census tallies correctly if it included just him and his wife. VIROSTEK, SENIOR *could be* correct if ANNA had an older sister who was counted with her father but in this instance we are left to wonder just where the wife/mother was as we know she was alive two years later when she gave birth to ANNA. By 1869 occupants of both places had changed: #43 had the SZAK family and #71 was empty. Another 1828 listing could be relative: the *vidua* KOPITNIK lived at #48; perhaps she was MÁRIA's mother.

JÁN and MÁRIA were living at #165 in Spisská Stará Ves when their daughter married in 1861 but they do not appear in the 1869 census. TOMAS WIROSTEK, born in 1830, was living at #50 in Spisská Stará Ves during that census; he is possibly a brother of ANNA's. In a similar manner JÁN, son of ANDREJ KUTARNŤA and SOFIA VIROSTEK, was baptized on 11 May 1830 with godparents being JÁN KRUPKA and KATARINA VIROSTEK. As a parent in the child-bearing years, SOFIA could be JÁN's brother. ANDREJ KUTARNŤA and SOFIA VIROSTEK lived at #41.

Issue:

1) **ANNA VÝROSTEK:** baptized on 2 April 1830, Godparents being ANTON PISARCIK and KATARINA BRINDZKA. She married JÁN KUTARNŤA on 7 February 1861. (continued in separate file)

## NOTES:

Virostek & Grutka families in Newark, NJ:

John Joseph Virostek: born 23 October 1898 Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne Co., Pa.; parents unknown; married Anna Grutka on 26 November 1933 at Most Holy Trinity Church in Yonkers, NY. No Virosztek, Virostek, Wirostek found in 1900 Luzerne Co.

Anna Grutka: born 30 May 1899, daughter of Mary & ? Grutka. Emigrated *at age 16 from Stará Ves, Czechoslovakia*. Between 1933 and 1942 they lived in Newark, then Delmar Pl., Irvington, NJ. John worked for Public Service Bus Co. and Anna for Irvington Varnish, then 3M Co. John Virostek died 25 October 1949. Anna (Grutka) Virostek died 15 December 1988. They had 3 daughters:

1. Anna Marie Virostek: born 1934; married name Clyme; living in Greensboro, N.C.
2. Bernadine Virostek: born 1937; married name Krause; living at 21 Troy Lane, Short Hills, NJ 07078
3. Irene Virostek: born 1938; married name Rothfuss; she died 16 February 1988 in Union, NJ

Mary Grutka: husband unknown, killed in house fire. 5 children:

1. Anna Grutka: see above.
2. *sister* Grutka: killed in house fire
3. Mary Grutka: married name Pisarcik
4. Katherine Grutka: *deceased*
5. *sister* Grutka

Jacob and Sophia Virostek (Werostek) of Allegheny Co, Pa had a son John, born May 1896 but this John was still single in 1940, 7 years after marrying Mary.

Joseph (born May 1866) and Annie (born August 1876) Wirostek are enumerated in 1900 in the Morning Sun Election District of Allegheny Tp, Westmoreland Co, PA. They had daughter Annie, born June 1898 and son John, born February 1900. They were married in 1897. (ED 75, p. 43B, lns 92-95; dw796, fa843)

Kutarnya, Virostek, Grutka and Pisarcik appear in records of Stará Ves; the families knew each other for years and probably were related through marriage over the years, e.g. Andreas Kutarnia and Sophia Virostek married and had several children: Andreas, bapt 9 Aug 1825; Maria, bapt 3 Nov 1826; Maria, bapt 16 Dec 1827; Jan bapt 11 May 1830; Maria, bapt 3 Dec 1831; Anna, bapt 20 July 1837; Jan bapt 1 June 1839.

## Endnotes

<sup>1</sup> Slovakia Church and Synagogue Records, 1592-1935, Kežmarok district, accessed 2 January 2022 on familysearch.org.

<sup>2</sup> Census of the Taxable Population of Szepes County, Hungary, 1828, Stara Ves, pp.565-566, Numbers 43 and 71.